Local and Mersonal.

The Address of Joseph H. Bradley, esq., on the opening of the fair of the Metropolitan Mechanics' Institute, on Thursday night, was generally acknowledged by all who heard it to be both eloquent and instructive. It was delivered in his usually felicitous manner, to about two thousand persons. Owing to the inclement weather, we had supposed there would not be as many hundreds in attendance. It was an agrecable disappointment.

He set forth the many advantages which have already resulted, and will continue to flow, from the organization of the Metropolitan Mechanics' Institute; and among these adverted to the practical knowledge which contributes to the welfare of every community, as well as that description of intellectual improvement which never fails to augment happiness in the social condition; banishing the grosser habits, and diffusing the rich fruits of mental culture.

The school of design, for boys, eighty in number is, he said, in a flourishing condition; and it was now proposed to have one for girls.

In conclusion, he pressed the aims and objects of the Institute on the favorable consideration of the public. It was the desire of all concerned in its organization, that the mechanic should here be instructed in everything that will make him a useful and virtuous citizen; so that, should be either remain or remove hence, he may set an example worthy of imitation. And that, as a member of this great confederacy, he may not only vote, but vote understandingly; not merely for a party, but for sound and wholesome principles; not only for particular candidates, but for those who will honorably and patriotically discharge the high and important duties with which they may be entrusted; ever taking as his motto, "Liberty and Union-now and forever, one and insepa-

He was frequently interrupted by applause, and acquitted himself in a manner not only with credit to himself, but to that of the Institute of which he was the honored organ.

An Important Decision.-Some days ago, D. Roland offered to the Orphans' Court of the District of Columbia, for its approval, an indenture of apprenticeship, executed by two justices of the peace in the recess of the court, whereby they bound out as an apprentice one James Geary to the above named Roland. Geary, by his attorney, E. C. Carrington, esq., filed a caveat against the approval of the indenture, because more than sixty days had elapsed since its execution; the act of Assembly of Maryland, of 1793, requiring that all such indentures shall be approved by the Orphans' Court and recorded within sixty days.

The case was ably argued by Mr. Carrington for the caveator, and by Mr. Morgan for the master. His honor Judge Purcell decided that the indenture must be set aside, because it had not been approved and recorded according to the act of Assembly to which we have referred.

The Judge, in delivering his opinion, referred to the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, in the case of Clark against Graham, (

It may here be mentioned that all the appeal from the Orphans' Court, for the last six years, to the Circuit Court for this District, and to the Supreme Court of the United States, have, without a solitary exception, been affirmed. In one of these

dred and sixty quilts displayed, though we did take the trouble to count them. They afford a gratifying evidence of female industry, to say the least. Speaking about needlework, there is a prescript in operation a young lady attending it. machine in operation, a young lady attending it, to show that, by mechanical contrivance, Hood's "Song of the Shirt" is apt to lose some of its force to excite sympathy, and that the manufacture of that common garment is not attended with machine in operation, a young lady attending it, such deplorable consequences as in times past.

We have not the highest admiration of the plaster statue of Venus, which is so prominently displayed in the picture gallery. The material, it is evident, is fractured, and not as white as the snow now lying in our streets. We suggest to

We merely repeat what we have have heret fore said, that the exhibition is of an imposing and attractive character, and will amply repay a visit and the inconsiderable price of a ticket. Bachefors will be pleased with the sight of certain living objects, and persons of all conditions will find ample means of gratification.

Washington National Monument .- Mr. May, on Thursday, asked the House of Representatives to continue in existence a select committee which was appointed near the close of the last session, to investigate the condition of the monument being erected in this city to the memory of Washington. That committee, he said, ofter great pains in investigating the subject, wished to make a report, but found they could not do so under the parliamentary law, unless the committee was continued by order of the House. It was very important for the success of that enterprise that this should be done. But Mr. McMullen, as a member of the special committee, felt constrained

The committee was appointed on the memorial of the Board of Managers of the Washington National Monument Association, asking an appropriation from Congress to finish the work, as voluntarily subscriptions for that purpose proved in-

Land Sale .- Mr. H. N. Gilbert, agent, sold, a few days ago, three hundred and fifty acres of land, at twenty-five dollars an acre, to a gentleman from New Hampshire. Two-thirds of the property is woodland, and] is situated at White Oak Bottom, sixteen miles from Washington, and on the line of the Washington branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. It is the intention of the purchaser to supply, in part, this city with fuel from that vicinity; a welcome piece of information, considering the scarcity of the article as contrast ed with the supplies of former years.

Mission to Spain.-The Hon. J. C. Breckinridge having declined the appointment of Minister to Spain, it was understood in the city, yesterday, that the Hon. A. C. Dodge, one of the Senators from Iowa, has not only been appointed by the President but confirmed by the Senate to that important station. He is a gentleman eminently entitled to the respect which is generally accorded to him, and will, we doubt not, faithfully represent the interests of our country at the court of

Paneral .- The Washington Light Infantry, vesterday afternoon, followed to the grave the remains of their comrade, John Hutchinson.

Congressional.

THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS. SECOND SESSION.

Senate.-Friday, February 9, 1865.

Senate.—Friday, February 9, 1855.

The Senate was engaged in the consideration of private bills, and passed fifty-eight of them.

At two o'clock, in accordance with the agreement entered into, the business in its regular order was resumed. The first question was on the motion of Mr. Benjamin to reconsider the vote by which the Senate had ordered to be engrossed the the bill for the relief of the claimants of the private armed brig General Armstrong.

After debate the motion the motion to reconsider was agreed to—ayes 24, nays 17.

It was announced to be the design of Mr. Benjamin to move an amendment to the bill which will provide for the payment of a sum of money to

will provide for the payment of a sum of money to the captain much less in amount than that which the original bill would appropriate; but Mr. CLAY moved that the bill do lie on the table; which was agreed to—yeas 22, nays 19. After an Executive session, the Senate ad

House of Representatives.

Mr. FAULKNER said: I cast a vote on Mon Mr. FAULKNER said: I cast a vote on Mon-day last which has been the subject of extensive misrepresentation throughout the district which I have the honor to represent on this floor, and as I was precluded by the previous question from mak-ing, at the time, any remarks explanatory of my vote, I ask the indulgence of the House, now, to make a very brief personal explanation. I allude, sir, to the vote which I gave in oppo-sition to the motion of the gentleman from Penn-

sylvania, (Mr. Witte,) asking the suspension of the rules, to enable him to submit his resolutions condemnatory of religious intolerance and secret political associations. My vote refusing to suspend the rules for the purpose indicated, has been most strangely misconceived and misrepresented, as evidencing on my part, either membership of, or sympathy for, the association sought to be assailed by those resolutions. I repudiate all such inferences from my vote as false, illogical, and destitute of the slightest foundation in truth.

I cast that vote in view of the condition of the business of this body, and in view of my responsibility to the country, as chairman of one of the committees charged with the business of this House. It is well known, sir. that I have had in my possession, for weeks, bills relating to the increase and reorganization of the Army, and to the military defenses of the country, of the highest and most urgent importance. It is equally well known that I have been, for weeks, struggling for a favorable opportunity of pressing these essential measures of national defense upon the consideration of Congress. But so far I have struggled in vain. I may further add, that I have been seeking an opportunity or report from that committee a bill for the relief of the officers and solders in ing an opportunity to report from that committee a bill for the relief of the officers and soldiers in the war of 1812, and other measures of legislation of interest to the country; but I have been frus-trated by the inexorable rules of the House, and by business, which had acquired a precedence, from so doing. I ask, sir, then, with what propriety could I have aided, by my vote, the introduction before this House, of resolutions such as those submitted by the gentleman from Pennsylvania, which, however sound they may be in their political teachings, propose no legislation whatthose submitted by the gentleman from Pennsylvania, which, however sound they may be in their political teachings, propose no legislation whatever, by Congress; are merely declaratory of individual opinion, and would only lead to debate and consumption of time that should be devoted to the urgent wants of the country? I ask, more especially, with what propriety could I record my assent to this waste of time, when that branch of the public service which has, in some measure, been specifically confided to my care, was then, and is, at this moment, most grievously suffering for want of the legislation of this House!

The views which influenced my vote were, I believe, participated in by every chairman of an important committee in this House, who manifested, by their course, the same repugnance that I did to see the the time of this body consumed in action upon mere abstract resolutions, when the necessities of the country so loudly called for practical measures of legislation. I may here refer to the chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, [Mr. Houston,] to the chairman of the

a solitary exception, been affirmed. In one of these appeals there was involved the sum of half a million of dollars, and the majority of the others embraced some of the most momentous questions of law which have ever come before the court from its organization to the present time.

The Fair.—Although there is a very large number of articles on exhibition at the fair of the Metropolitan Mechanics' Institute, hundreds of offerings are frozen up on the way; and there is no telling when the weather will permit of their extrication.

It is said that there are no fewer than one hundred and sixty quilts displayed, though we did directly and the sair of the basiness of the House.

any other member of this body in my arm determination to maintain the rights of conscience, and the inviolability of the great principles of religious freedom. I am not, never have been, and never expect to be, a member of any oath-bound secret political association. I claim communion with but one political organization—and that is the great national Democratic party of this country— a party that has shown itself, after the most ample that he either remove or give it a coating of lime.

a party that has shown itself, after the most ample experience, broad enough to embrace all the vast interests of liberty and humanity, and strong enough to uphold by its firm and conservative grasp, the Constitution of my country and the Union of the States.

The SPEAKER laid before the body a message

from the President of the United States, inclosing the report of the Director of the Mint, showing the operations of that establishment and its branches for the past year.

Mr. CHANDLER offered a resolution that, in

addition to the usual number of copies, there be printed five hundred copies for the use of the Di-rector of the Mint. Referred to the Committee on

Printing.

The SPEAKER also laid before the House a communication from the War Department, in reply fo a resolution of the 3d instant, calling for copies of all dispatches received by that Department relative to the engagement which took place at Fort Laramie, on the 19th of August, 1854, between a detachment of United States troops and the Sioux Indians. Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

he House took up the bill to remodel the communic and consular system of the United

Mr. CHANDLER said that he had delivered portion only of his remarks in favor of the bill. After the lucid explanation of the gentleman from After the lucid explanation of the gentleman from Louisiana, [Mr. Perkins,] and perceiving that the House was ready to proceed to the consideration of other business, he felt admonished that it was his duty not to resume his remarks, but to demand the previous question on the passage of the bill.

Mr. PERKINS, of Louisiana, expressed his gratitude to the House for placing the bill in its present condition, and said he therefore made no sacrification waiving the right which was accorded under fice in waiving the right which was accorded under the rules, of closing the debate, (he having reported the bill from the Committee on Foreign Affairs.) Mr. McMULLEN desired to know whether this bill would increase, in the aggregate, the expenses of our diplomatic and consular representation. He asked the question with a view of receiving a

reply to govern his vote.

Mr. PERKINS replied that the diplomatic expenses would be diminished considerably, while consular there would be an annual saving

Before the call of the roll on the passage of the bill was completed, Mr. BRECKINRIDGE said, it would be recol-Mr. BRECKINKIDGE said, it would be reconstituted by the House that, some weeks ago, he was nominated by the President, and confirmed by the Senate, as minister to Spain. It would also be observed, that since that time he had been attending to his ordinary duties in the House. He said that the nomination and confirmation was without his knowledge or application, he neither having sought or expected the office; he had not even heard of the resignation of Mr. Soule until informed that his name had been sent to the Senate. Under these circumstances, the President granted him a short indulgence to consider the matter and confer with his friends. After doing so, and a confer with his friends. After doing so, and a careful reflection, while very deeply appreciating this mark of Executive confidence and the manner in which it was conferred, he had felt it to be his duty to decline the appointment, and had so apprised the President. He was, therefore, deprived of any feeling of delicacy in relation to this bill, and, believing it to be right, he voted in the affirmative.

The bill was passed—year 143, nays 33.

Mr. BOCOCK, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill authorizing the construction of seven steam sloops-of-war; which was referred to the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union.

Mr. EDGERTON offered a resolution, which was adopted, to terminate the debate on the bill extending the Colt patent for improvement in arearms for seven years, in one hour after the same shall be again taken up in committee.

Mr. EDGERTON moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

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of the Union. The question was taken on the first named mo-tion, and decided in the affirmative—yeas 136,

So the House went into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded to the consideration of the Colt patent bill. Mr. EDGERTON resumed his speech from last

Saturday. He said, in the course of his remarks, that the gross and infamous slander on the Amerthat the gross and infamous stander on the American Congress, of corruption regarding this case, originated in the *Evening Star*, a puper published in this city; the writer of the article occupying a seat on the floor as a reporter. The charge was taken up and reiterated by other papers, in New York and Philadelphia. The charge was repeated in the House, but no one had, and dared not, fix the fact of corruption on any particular member, because there was no truth in the truth. The select committee was no truth in the truth. The in its character, because it was to fish up infor-mation, by leading questions not based on any specific charge. In conclusion, he advocated the bill.

Mr. CLINGMAN said this bill was not only un Mr. CLINGMAN said this bill was not only unsupported by any good principle of legislation, but violated every sound principle. The statements advanced in its support were directly in the teeth of the application. By the general patent law, a man obtains a patent for fourteen years. Mr. Colt has not only had this time, but an extension of seven years. The application for a further extension was laid before the Commissioner of Patents and refused.

Patents, and refused.

It was shown that Mr. Colt, instead of losing had made more than a million of dollars by his invention. Therefore, the whole foundation on which the application rests fails, he having been which the application rests fails, he having been richly remunerated. Mr. Colt has yet two or three years before the extension of his patent will expire. He repeated, in reply to Mr. EDORRTON, that the facts show there are ten or twelve outside persons employed in the business of trying to effect the passage of the bill.

Mr. EDDY defended the select Committee from

Mr. EDDY detended the select Committee from the charge made sgainst it by Mr. EDGERTON, of being inquisitorial, and of seeking to stab character in the dark; and he repelled the aspersion. He said the remark of Mr. LETCHER, that not less than \$10,000 or \$15,000 have been expended by Mr. Colt's agents to procure the extension of the patent, was true. He opposed the passage of the

Mr. THURSTON, who reported the bill, had by the rule, the privilege to close the debate, but being anxious for action on the bill, he waived the

right.
Mr. ETHERIDGE moved to strike out the en acting clause; and the question was decided in the affirmative—ayes 99, noes 23.

The committee rose, when its action was re-ported by the Chairman [Mr. Greenwood] to the

The question having been taken on striking out he enacting clause, it was decided in the affirmative—yeas 111, nays 68.

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The House disposed of the Senate's amendments to the Pension Appropriation bill; and, after the transaction of other bussiness,

Motices.

First Baptist Church, 10th Street.— The subject of the Sabbath evening lecture to morrow evening, will be "The Theatre." Regular service also every Sabbath morn

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Rev. Wm. H. Milburn, Chaplain of the House of Representatives, will preach at the Cap-itol to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

D Claimants against the General Govern-D'Claimants against the General Government.—A meeting of the heirs of Revolutionary officers, and other claimants against the General Government, is proposed to be held in the city of Washington, on the 22d of February next, for the purpose of taking into consideration the course of conduct which has been pursued by Congress towards the just claims of the citizens of the United States, against the General Government, and also the propriety of making the payment of just claims against the Government, a test at the polls, and to add a new plank to the political platform to that effect. form to that effect.

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Celegraphic.

ARRIVAL OF THE ATLANTIC.

Ten Days Later. NEW YORK, Feb. 9 .- The Atlantic has arrived at

New York, Feb. 9.—The Attaintic has arrived at her dock with European news.

No change has taken place in the general position of affairs before Sebastopol. The peace conference is to open in the middle of February. Lord John Russel has resigned, and a general dissolution of the English Cabinet Ministry is threatened.

all qualities have slightly advanced, with an ac-tive speculative demand. Sales of the week 7,500 Brown and Shipley report the tone of the Liver

Brown and Shipley report the tone of the Liver-pool market tenacious, owing to the reported em-barrassments of 'change. Mobile fair at 5½d.; middling, 5 1-16d.

Other English news not important, except the resignation of Lord John Russel. On Friday the Minister gave an explanation of his conduct, and it is the general opinion that the whole Ministry must see out.

The British army is in a wretched condition, re

sulting from mismanagement.

The report of a general battle is not correct.

The Swedish army is to be placed on an imme-

Further Details.

The Atlantic arrived at her dock at ten o'clock. She brings Liverpool dates of the 27th, and arrived out on the morning of the 22d. She brings 58 passengers, among whom is Hon. N. G. Upham. The chief interest of her news centers in the proceedings of the British Parliament, where the government has been severely denounced. government has been severely denounced.

At Sebastopol the Russians had made two sorties, but, as usual, were repulsed with considerable loss. The weather in the Crimea had been cold, but at latest dates was much milder. Considerable reinforcements were reaching the Allies. Jeneral Liprandi had again advanced his outposts to Tchernaya with 40,000 men, and 80,000 are said to be at Perekop, on their way to the Crimea. Letters state that the French division had gain-

the Quarantine Fort.

General Sir George Brown was about to resume his command in the Crimea. St. PETERSBURG, Jan. 18 .- Dates are of a pacific

capable of accommodating 2,000 patients, at Smyrna, and one at Rhodes, for the convalescents of

Russian dispatches report numerous desertions rom the Allies to the Russian ranks.
A letter from Odessa, of the 15th, says that the A letter from Odessa, of the 15th, says that the Russians will shortly assume the offensive in the Crimea, having received the necessary reinfocements. Large bodies of Russian troops have been ordered to concentrate at Perekop, having in view an attack npon Eupatoria.

—It was reported at Vienna on the 25th that a battle had been fought before Sebastopol, in which the Russians were victorious; but the next day advices from Baluklava contradicted it.

It was positively asserted that Omer Pacha's

advices from Balaklava contradicted it.
It was positively asserted that Omar Pacha's force was to begin operations on the 18th of January, by advancing under cover of the artillery of the fleets along the coast.
The last of the Turkish convoys left Varna for

A despatch from Menschikoff dated the 17th, and published at St. Petersburg on the 25th, was to the following effect: The siege operations do not advance. Two successful sorties were made on the 13th and 15th; we took fourteen French and

that the Turks are treated with very little consideration by the allies. From the Danube

prevent the Russians from recommencing the campaign on the Danube.
The Admirals of the Allied fleets have declared all the ports of the Black Sea, and the sea of Azof, in state a of strict blockade, and have captured several ships, loaded with Russian supplies. A screw steamer for the Black Sea, with a submarine cable for connecting Varna with Balaklava, had put back into Harwick much damaged.

The dates from China are to December 12. Political affairs in the southern part of the Empire were more critical than ever. The Canton authorities had applied, officially, for assistance from the American and English Consuls, with what result was not stated. Trade was com-pletely suspended.

Senator Wilson.

General Shields a Candidate for Con-

CMICAGO, February 9.—General Shields is announced as a candidate for Congress in the Sh district, which has been made vacant by the election of Mr. Trumbull to the Senate. Charleston Races.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 8.—The long-talked of three mile race between Brown Dick and Mary Taylor took place to-day. It was won by the former. Time, 5.43 and 5.42.

Election of Senator in Illinois. SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 8 .- The election of United States Senator has resulted in the choice of Ly-man Trumbull, in the place of General Shields. Judge Trumbull is an anti-Nebraska Democrat, and during the canvass of last autumn took an ac-tive part as a public speaker against the measure repealing the Missouri compromise.

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Forks, Spoons, &c.—M. W. Galt & Bro.
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THE UNDERSIGNED would respect fully inform his friends and citizens gene rally that he has resumed the Grocery business and is now located at the corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Thirteenth street, where will be

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The above goods are all of the best quality, and for sale very low for cash.

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Corner of Pennsylvania avenue and 13th street outh side. Nov 3—dl w&colw PRESENTS FOR THE HOLYDAYS.

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The late completion of the Central Ohio Railroad, between Wheeling and Columbus, uniting, as it does, by a short and direct line, the Baltitimore and Ohio Railroad with all portions of the West (and North and Southwest,) gives this route greatly increased advantages to through travellers in that direction. On and after Monday, November 27, 1854, the trains will be run as follows:

FOR THROUGH PASSENGERS. Two fast trains daily will run in each direction. First—The MAIL TRAIN, leaving Camden Station at 7 a.m., instead of at 8 o'clock as hereto-fore.(except on Sunday,) and arriving at Wheeling at 2 40 a.m..—Second—The EXPRESS TRAIN, at 2 40 a. m.—Second—The Box Avenue as bereto-leaving at 5 p. m., instead of at 7 p. m., as bereto-fore, and running through to Wheeling in about 17 reaching there at 10 25 a. m. This train fore, and running through to Wheeling in about 17 hours, reaching there at 10 25 a.m. This train will stop at Washington Janction, Sykesville, Monocacy, Harper's Ferry, Martinsburg, Sir John's Run, Cumberland, Piedmont, Rowlesburg, Newburg, Fetterman, Farmington, Cameron, and Moundsville only, for wood and water and meals. Both these trains make prompt and regular connection with the cars of the Central Ohio Road for Cambridge, Zanesville, Newark, Columbus, Cincinnati, Louisville, Dayton, Sandusky, Toledo, Detroit, Indianapolis, Chicago, St. Louis, etc. Pas sengers leaving Baltimore by the Mail Train, will reach Cincinnati for dinner next day, while by the Express Train they arrive there at 12 the next night, being kept but one night on the route by

Passengers for the Northwest via Cleveland and all intermediate points can make a direct con nection with the trains upon the Cleveland and Pittsburg Railroad at all times when the Ohio is navigable for steamers between Wheeling and Wellsville, by leaving Baltimore in the Mail Train

Returning, the Trains leave Wheeling as follows: The EXPRESS TRAIN at 4 30 p. m., reaching Baltimore at 9 50 a. m. The MAIL TRAIN at 11.45 p. m. reaching Baltimore at 7

Through tickets by boat from Wheeling for Cincinnati, Madison, Louisville, St. Louis, and other River Cities, will be sold at all times when the stage of water will admit. Through tickets between Baltimore and Washington, and all the important cites and towns in the West, are sold at the Ticket Offices

of the Company.
FOR WAY PASSENGERS. FOR WAY PASSENGERS.
THE MAIL TRAIN, leaving Camden Station will take passengers for all the usual stopping places on the Road. Returning, this train leaves Wheeling at 11.45 midnight, Cumberland at 10.15 a. m., and arrives at Baltimore at 7 p. m.
THE FREDERICK ACCOMMODATION will start at 4 p. m., daily, (except Sunday,) ar-riving in Frederick at 7.40. Returning will leave Frederick at 9 a. m., arriving at Baltimore at 12 30, THE ELLICOTT'S MILLS ACCOMMODA-

TION will be run daily, (except Sundays,) as fol-Leave Camden Station at 6 s. m. and 3 n. m. Leave Ellicott's Mills at 7.30 a. m. and 6.36 p. m.

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THE AMERICAN SPORTSMAN, Containing Hints to Sportsmen, Notes on Sporting, and the Habits of the Game Birds and Wild Fowl of America, by Elisha J. Lewis, M. D., with numerous illustrations. For sale at TAYLOR & MAURY'S

Book Store, near Ninth street FRENCH GENTLEMAN, with a fin-A ished education, recently arrived in this city, and, possessing the best references, wishes to find in a private family, a situation as a teacher of Fiench, Spanish, Drawing and ornamental Painting. As his knowledge of the English is imperfect, he would be satisfied at first, with a small compensation. Apply at this office, by correspondence or otherwise. Jan. 23.

PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING PAPER FOR THE PUBLIC PRINTING.

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT PUBLIC PRINTING Washington, January 25, 1855.

N Pursuance of the provisions of the act entitled "An act to provide for executing the public printing," &c., approved August 26, 1852, sealed proposals will be received at this office, in the Capitol, until Wednesday, the 28th day of March next, at 12 o'clock, m., for furnishing the following quantities and descriptions of writing paper, to wit:

All these papers to be made of the best materials, and finished in the best manner and free from adulteration. A contract will be entered into for supplying the quantities stated, at such times as the public service may require; but the privilege is reserved of ordering a greater quantity of either kind, should a greater quantity be required, at such times and in such quantities as may be deemed Samples of each kind of paper must accompany cach bid, and all proposals and samples must be transmitted to this office free of postage or other

Each proposal must be signed by the individual Each proposal must be signed by the individual or firm making it, and must specify the price per pound and the consequent price per ream (and but one price) of each description of paper.

All the paper must be delivered at such place or places as may be designated, in good order, free of all and every extra charge or expense, and subject to the inspection, count, weight, and measurement of the Superintendent, and be in all respects as attisfactory.

spects satisfactory.

Blank forms for proposals will be furnished at this office to persons applying for them; and none will be taken into consideration unless substanti-

will be taken into consideration unless substantially agreeing therewith.

Bonds, with approved securities, will be required; and the supplying of an inferior article, or a failure to supply the quantity required at any time, will be considered a violation of the contract.

Each bidder is required to furnish with his proposals satisfactory evidence of his ability to execute it, and any proposals unaccompanied with such evidence will be rejected.

Proposals will be addressed to the "Superintendent of the Public Printing, Capitol of the United States, Washington," and endorsed, "Proposals for Supplying Paper."

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Late of the Pension Office, will attend promptly
to all business entrusted to him, and will give
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Pensions, Bounty Land, Land Patents,
Scrip, Back, Pay, &c., &c. Hon. Lewis Cass, United States Senate.
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Hon. R. T. Westbrook, House of Reps.
Hon. T. B. Florence, House of Reps.
Hon. T. D. Disney, House of Reps.
Janah D. Hoover, esq., Washington,
R. Thard Wallach, esq., Washington,

Richard Wallach, esq., Washington. Hon. John Wilson, Commissioner of the Gen eral Land Office. All communications must be pre-paid and di

rected as above. THE NATIONAL HOTEL. In this city, will be re-opened for the reception of guests on the 27th of this month. The removal of the Kitchen from the basement to the rear of the building, and the alterations in and about the Dining Rooms, will add greatly to the convenience and comfort of its guests. The table will be furnished with the best the markets can afford, and served in the best style, and no expense or labor will be spared to render the house, in every respect, equal to any in the country. The subscriber, therefore, trusts that a generous public will continue the liberal patronage which has al-ways been extended to the house. Persons desiring to procure rooms for the winter, can do so at any time after the 20(\$\mathbf{H}\$, by calling at the Hotel. E. D. WILLARD.

Washington city, November 14, 1854. Nov 16—tf The city of Washington, for the ensuing season, or for a term of years. The National Theatre is one of the largest in the world, and yet every meritorious attraction can fill it.

With the alterations and improvements con

establishment.

If a suitable company could be selected, the Proprietor would accede to the following arrangecurrent expenses; the salaries of the members; the rent. All surplus to be divided among the members of the company, in the proportion of their respective salaries. The Proprietor would have no claim for rent until after payment of cur-

rent expenses and salaries.

The proprietor would like, therefore, to receive communications, with particulars, from parties inclined to this mode of action. The purpose of the Proprietor is to secure the best talent by paying to it all the profits. Every letter received will be known to the Proprietor alone, who will not feel himself at liberty to reveal the name of any party addressing him on this subject.

All communications pre-paid, and addressed to the Proprietor of the National Theatre, box 242. Washington city, D. C.

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A complete assortment of Pearl, Ivory, Span ish, and Mourning Fans, which will be sold untu sually low.

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Pa. av., betw. 9th and 10th sts. TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND STRANGERS.

WATCHES.—Members of Congress and others in want of perfect timekeepers would do well to make their selections at once, in order to the their perfect have been been been as the city.

to test their quality before leaving the city. Our assortment for both Ladies and Gentlemen was never so complete as at present, embracing every description, which we offer unusually low. M. W. GALT & BROTHER,

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JAS. C. McGUIRE,

Oct 29-tf GENERAL Notions of Chemistry, by J.
P. louze and E. Fremy, translated from the
French by Edmund C. Evans, M. D.
Pebbles from the Lake Shore, or Miscellaneous

Poems, by Charles Leland Porter, A. M.
Brushwood picked up on the Continent, or
Last Summer's Trip to the Old World, by Orville
Horwitz.

must go out.

The public feelings seems tending towards a peace with Russia.

The Vienna conference will not meet until the middle of February.

Affairs before Sebastopol continue unchanged.

The Swedish army is to be placed on an immediate war footing.

Negotiations continue between Austria and Prussia respecting the German army.

The Queen of Sardinia is dead.

The steamer Great Britain has arrived at Liverpool with £750,000 sterling.

There have been numerous reports of failures in Liverpool, but were no doubt exaggerated beyond the truth; notwithstanding, the cotton market has been thereby influenced.

ket has been thereby influenced.

Consols have declined ? in consequence of the resignation of Lord John Russel. They closed at

Letters state that the French division had gained the Flag-staff battery, and only awaited a favorable opportunity to blow it up.

Sickness is on the increase in the camp.

Menschikoff is reported to have said "that the troops may rest, for Generals January, February, and March, will fight our battles far better The Russians have repaired and re-occupied

haracter.

The Allies contemplate establishing a hospital

The French eighty-gun ship, Henri Quatre, which ran ashore on the 14th of November, has been turned into a fort, and is thus of great use to

The Patrie says that the recent passage of the Danube by the Russians had given rise to a de-mand by Austria for explanation from Gortscha-koff. Orders have been sent to Count Coronini to

From China.

Boston, February 9.—Senator Wilson started for Washington yesterday, and addressed an anti-slavery delegation assembled to greet him at Wor-

No. 40, opposite the Centre Market. WANTED-A Situation as Teacher

MY COURTSHIP AND ITS CONSE-QUENCES, by Henry Wikoff, the History and Poetry of Finger Rings, by Charles Edwards. The World a Workshop, by Ewbank; The New Congressional Directory. On sale at TAYLOR & MAURY'S

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